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Abstract

An IC card ~~(300)~~ supplies an encryption key which enables content use, to a terminal apparatus ~~(200)~~ belonging to a domain made up of terminal apparatuses ~~(200)~~ which share the IC card ~~(300)~~. The IC card ~~(300)~~ includes: an extra-domain usage rule holding unit ~~(305)~~ which stores a rule for use of the IC card ~~(300)~~ in a terminal apparatus ~~(200)~~ which is outside of the domain; and an extra-domain use permission judgment unit ~~(309)~~ which judges, according to the usage rule, whether or not use of the IC card ~~(300)~~ is permitted, when the IC card ~~(300)~~ is provided to the terminal apparatus ~~(200)~~. The IC card ~~(300)~~, in addition, supplies the encryption key to the terminal apparatus ~~(200)~~ which is outside of the domain, when the extra-domain use permission judgment unit ~~(309)~~ judges that use is permitted.